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In re Patent Application of:
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For: NOVEL SPACER MOIETY FOR POLY
(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) MODIFIED PEPTIDE
BASED COMPOUNDS

Examiner: Joseph R. Kosack

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Official Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 13, 2007, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants are also submitting herewith a Petition for Extension of Time, requesting that the Time Period for responding to the Official Action be extended for a period of two (2) months, from **JANUARY 13, 2008** up to and including **MARCH 13, 2008**, accompanied by the appropriate fee. It is believed that no additional fees are required for this response; however, should the USPTO determine that any additional fee is required or that any refund is owed for this application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) due to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 of Applicants' undersigned attorneys and agents.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.